Title: The Minister of Agriculture and Minister of consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution made a statement regarding the status of implementation of the recommendations contained in the 34th Report of Standing Committee on Agriculture on Demands for Grants (2007-08), pertaining to the Department of Agricultural Research and Education, Ministry of Agriculture.

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): Sir, I beg to lay this statement on the status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Thirty-fourth Report of Standing Committee on Agriculture in pursuance of the Direction 73 A of the hon. Speaker, Lok Sabha, issued *vide* Lok Sabha Bulletin – Part-II dated September 01, 2004.

The Standing Committee on Agriculture examined the Demands for Grants of the Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agricultural Research & Education (DARE) for the year 2007-08 and presented their Thirty-fourth Report based on the Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations/observation contained in the Twenty-eighth Report of the Standing Committee on Agriculture (2007-08). This Report was presented to Lok Sabha on 24th April, 2007 and the same was laid in Rajya Sabha same day. The Committee have accepted the replies of the Government to their Recommendations Nos. 7,8,9 and 10 (total – 4). The Committee did not accept the replies of the Government to their Recommendation No. 11. Further, the Committee awaited the replies of the Government to their Recommendations Nos. 1,3,4,5 and 6, and also wanted to be apprised of the fate of Recommendation No. 2. Hence, the Department has furnished the further replies of the Government to all these recommendations in the Action Taken Report.

All these recommendations of the Committee have been considered and accepted in the Department of Agricultural Research & Education of the Ministry of Agriculture. The action as proposed by the Committee has already been taken/initiated on all recommendations. The details of recommendations/comments of the Committee and Action/ Further Action taken

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by the Government along with present status, which have already been communicated to Parliamentary Committee, are given in Annexure.